Minutes of the sixth Joint Convention

OF THE

SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN OHIO AND ADJOINING STATES,

CONVENED AT COLUMBUS, OHIO,

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CONVENTION AND DIVINE SERVICE.

The officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, having been authorized to appoint the place of the Sixth Joint Convention of this body, convoked the Synod in Trinity week, 1848, at Columbus, Ohio.

On Saturday, the 17th of June, in the afternoon, the Ministers and Lay-Delegates met with the congregation, in the Second Presbyterian church for divine service, preparatory to the Lord's Supper. Rev. J. A. G. Dœpken preached in the German language from Math. xi. 28, and Rev. J. Manning in English from Psa. x. 4, after which absolution was administered by Rev. W. F. Lehmann, according to the ritual of the church.

On Sunday divine service was also held in the Second Presbyterian church. At half past 9 o'clock, the introductory service being conducted by Rev. W. F. Lehmann, Rev. F. C. Becker preached in German from Rom. i. 16, and Rev. E. Greenwald from Psa. cxvi. 13, in English, whereupon the Lord's Supper was administered.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the President of the Synod, Rev. H. Heincke, delivered the Pastoral sermon from II. Tim. iv. the latter clause of the 3rd verse. In the evening Rev. A. Bartholomew preached in English from Math. xxii. 11–13.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD.

FIRST SESSION.

Monday, June the 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The session was opened by singing and prayer, conducted by the President.

The Secretary being absent, the President appointed Rev. F. C. Becker Secretary pro tem.

THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS AND LAY-DELEGATES WERE PRESENT.

Names of Ministers.	Post Office.	Lay-Delegates.
Pastor J. Leist,	Leistville, Pickaway Co. O.	J. D. Leist.
" H. Heincke,	Miamisburg, Montg'y Co. O.	E. Gebhardt.
" A. Henkel,	Germantown, Montg'y. Co. O.	C. Wagner.
" J. Wagenhals,	Lancaster, Fairfield Co. O.	H. Sutzin.
" S. Kæmmerer,	Zanesville, O.	
" J. Manning,	Fultonham, O.	
" E. Greenwald,	New Philadelphia, O.	
" J. J. Fast,	Canton, Stark Co. O.	J. Lind.
" H. E. Melsheimer,	Canton, Stark Co. O.	D. Werstler.
" J. Mechling,	Greensburg, Pa.	
" E. F. Kunert,	Mohicanville, O.	
" J. Gruber,	Euphemia, Preble Co. O.	
Professor W. F. Lehmann,	Columbus, O.	L. Heyl, Esq.
Pastor C. Spielmann,	Columbus, O.	
" J. A. Roof,	Circleville, O.	A. S. Leist.
" A. Bartholomew,	Germano, O.	

Names of Ministers.	Post Office.	Lay-Delegates.
Pastor F. C. Becker,	N. Jackson, Mahoning Co. O.	
" B. Pope,	Delaware, Delaware Co. O.	C. Gast.
" G. Spangler,	Nankin, O.	
Professor A. B. Bierdemann,	Germano, O.	
Pastor G. Bartels,	Zanesville, O.	
" H. Borchers,	New Bremen, O.	
" C. Adam,	Bucyrus, O.	
" C. Albrecht,	Thornville, Perry Co. O.	J. Lang.
" C. G. Reichert,	Zanesville, O.	R. P. Nuzum.
" P. Gast,	Amanda, Fairfield Co. O.	Michael Neu.
" J. Schladermundt,	Springfield, O.	
" J. C. Schulze,	Richmond, Wayne Co. Ia.	
" A. Doner,	Lima, Allen Co. O.	
" H. Lang,	Lower Sandusky, O.	J. Kerschner.
" J. Hursch,	Covington, Miami Co. O.	J. Schnepp.
" J. Krausz,	Bucyrus, O.	J. Wingert.
" E. Melsheimer,	Newcomerstown, O.	
" C. G. Stuebgen,	Erie, Pa.	
Candidate J. P. Conradi,	Loudonville, Ashland Co. O.	
" A. Conradi,	New Bremen, O.	
" R. Grætz,	New Washington, O.	J. Hartschuh.
" H. Tanke,	Kenton, Hardin Co. O.	
" J. A. G. Dœpken,	Piqua, Miami Co. O.	
" J. G. Abele.	Canal Dover O.	D. Maus.
" C. Wernle,	Lythopolis, O.	S. Weiser.
" F. Hunsche,	Mansfield, O.	

ABSENT.

Pastor C. G. Schweizerbarth,	Zelienopel, Pa.	with excuse.
" S. S. Klein,	Wooster, O.	
" C. F. Minner,	Zanesville, O.	
" J. J. Beilharz,	Tiffin, O.	with excuse.
" A. Hordorf,	Dayton, O.	with excuse.
" D. Cranz,	Weinsberg, O.	with excuse.
" H. Huet,	Boardman, O.	
" M. Kuchler,	Erie, Pa.	
" J. Hœlsche,	Allegheny City, Pa.	with excuse.
" J. Zimmermann,	Crawford's Mills, Pa.	

Names of Ministers.	Post Office.	
Pastor G. Kranz,	London, Mercer Co. Pa.	
" J. Isensee,	East Germantown, Ia.	with excuse.
" J. D. Nonnenmacher,	Sægerstown, Pa.	with excuse.
" W. A. Fetter,	Clarence, Erie Co. N. Y.	with excuse.
" D. Rothacker,	Carrollton, O.	
" Abr. Bartholomew,	New Philadelphia, O.	
" S. Bartholomew,	Kendall, Beaver Co. Pa.	
Candidate Th. Hengist,	West Greenville, Pa.	with excuse.
" F. A. Steinberg,		

The Synodical Convention consisted, therefore, of sixty voting members.

The President now read the following annual address:

ADDRESS OF THE REV. PRESIDENT.

To the Rev. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of

Ohio and adjacent States:

In the notice published by the officers of the Synod, of the appointment of Columbus, as the place of the present Convention of this body, they stated that they would lay before this Convention their reasons for the appointment; I therefore, now, take the liberty of doing so. The principal reason which induced us to select Columbus, was *the question that has been agitated concerning the removal of the Theological Seminary from Columbus.* It is known, perhaps, to all the members of the Synod, that the present locality of the Seminary has been represented, and believed to be, an unhealthy one; and, therefore, it has been deemed advisable by some of the Brethren, *to remove the Institution to some more healthy place.* The Directors of the Seminary have been requested to *remove it*; but, not considering themselves authorized to comply with such requests, without the consent and co-operation of the Synod, and at the same time desiring that the matter might be determined, they concluded to lay it before the Synod for their decision. To this end, I was called upon last Spring, to convoke an extra Session of the Synod, with the view of deliberating upon and deciding this very important question. After consulting the Presidents of the several branches of the Synod, and other Brethren, the convocation of an extra Session was not deemed expedient, and it was thought advisable to let the matter rest until the next regular, that is, the present Session of the Synod.

The reasons advanced in favor of a removal of the Seminary are, unhealthiness of the place, and expensiveness.

It must be remarked that according to the information we have received, *in a legal point of view*, we would make ourselves liable to the loss of the entire Seminary property, if we remove it from Columbus, and would unquestionably have to sustain the loss of a considerable portion of it.

But a removal of the Institution from its present location to any other part of the city would not incur this liability. It would be a great sacrifice, to sustain the loss of the whole, or even a considerable portion of the Seminary property. Such a heavy loss should be avoided, if possible. The Synod will have the opportunity to obtain more information in regard to this matter, and should surely investigate the subject thoroughly, and reflect maturely, before acting upon it. The Synod should enquire:

1.) *Whether the rumor of the unhealthiness of the place is well founded*, and if so, whether the circumstances from which such unhealthiness arises, are of a permanent nature, in which case a removal might be deemed advisable or even necessary.

2.) *Whether the unhealthiness also extends over the other parts of the city*, or is limited merely to the locality of the Seminary; whether there are other localities, suitable as sites for the Seminary, within the bounds of the city, that are more healthy, or usually healthy, and to which it might be removed without great loss.

3.) Whether Columbus is more expensive for the Students, than other places in the State would be.

The Synod cannot but see the importance of *impartially* and *thoroughly* investigating these points, before adopting any measures to remove the Institution,—indeed every member of the Church, who feels an interest in this subject, will expect such a proceeding of the Synod. Therefore, in order to be able to act understandingly, and not upon mere rumor, in this momentous matter, the officers of the Synod have deemed it best and most suitable to appoint *the place in question, as the place of our present meeting, so that every member of the Synod might, for himself, have an opportunity to enquire into the points in question, and thus be enabled to act in regard to them, according to his own convictions.*

This is the principal reason why Columbus was designated, and we hope our appointment will meet the approbation of the Brethren. It may not be irrelevant also to remark, that we were honored with a very cordial and friendly invitation to hold our present Convention in this City, whilst we have not been favored with any direct invitation from any other Congregations in the State. We would further remark in conclusion, that the welfare of our Seminary demands a determination of this question. The unsettled state of this matter as it has been for some time—the question: "*Will the Seminary be removed from Columbus, or will it remain there?*" can not but be injurious to the prosperity of the Institution. Hence the Synod ought to take definite and conclusive action upon this subject at the present Convention. It would be advisable, in our opinion, to appoint a Committee, consisting of members of each of the Branches of the Synod, to collect the necessary information touching the Seminary; and also that the Directors aid said Committee in their investigations, by such information and advice as they may be able to give. Sufficient time also should be allowed the Committee to enable them to perform their duty in a thorough manner, and they should have leave of absence from the Sessions

of the Synod and be exempt from other Synodical engagements, until they have completed their commission. The Synod ought to regard the decision of this subject as the chief business of its present Session, and should consequently bestow upon it all possible attention.

I will take the present opportunity also to suggest, whether it would not be advisable, so to amend our Synodical Constitution as to substitute annual Delegate Conventions instead of triennial Joint Conventions. Under such an arrangement resolutions of the Synod would be more likely to be observed and carried out, than when the Synod meets but once in three years. Then too the Synod might hold its Conventions at almost any place, which cannot be done at present on account of the large number of its members. There might in this case also be another District formed, perhaps in the northern part of the State.

I will state further, that I was authorized by the Synod held in Lacaster, to commence a correspondence, in their name, with the Henault Evangelical Missionary Society. I have done so, and received an answer from the President of the Society, expressing the friendship and good-will which that Society entertains towards us.

Soon after the meeting of the Synod in Lancaster, I received a communication signed by nine Ministers, formerly members of this Synod, in which they stated, that they had withdrawn themselves from our Synod, and also assigned the reason that induced them to take that step. It accompanies this address, marked No. 1.

In conclusion, I have yet to remark, that Rev. A. Ernst, formerly a Licentiate of this Ministerium, returned his license to me, which is also appended, marked No. 2.

Respectfully.

HENRY HEINCKE.

The election of Officers of the Synod was now held, which resulted as follows:

Pastor J. MECHLING, President,
" F. C. BECKER, Secretary,
" C. SPIELMANN, Treasurer.

The Secretary appointed Rev. H. Lang assistant Secretary.

The following Applicants were present: Charles Dœppenschmidt, William Sigelen, Martin Sondhaus, George Tuerk and A. Kleinegees.

Delegates from vacant Congregations: Peter Obermeyer, J. Scherer and Joseph Baumann, from Congregations in Perry County, and Adam Blumenschein, from Congregations in Union County, Ohio, prayed Synod to supply them, if possible, with the ministration of the Word. Rev. C. G. Stuebgen expressed his inclination to visit the vacant Congregations in Perry county, with the view of locating amongst them.

The communications addressed to the Synod were referred to the following committees:

First Committee—Pastors Leist, Henkel and H. E. Melsheimer; Lay-Delegates Schnepp and Wertler.

Second Committee—Pastors Heincke, Bartels, Greenwald and Professor Bierdemann; Lay-Delegates Gebhardt and Wagner.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Kunert.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the Secretary.

The President appointed the following additional committees:

Third Committee—Pastors Gruber, Adam and Doner; Lay-Delegates Leist and Gast.

Fourth Committee—Pastors Pope, Schladermundt and Stuebgen; Lay-Delegates Maus and Weiser.

Fifth Committee—Pastors Schulze, Borchers and Kunert; Lay-Delegates Kerschner and Lind.

Sixth Committee—Pastors Gast, Spangler and E. Melsheimer; Lay-Delegates Hartschuh and Wingert.

Seventh Committee—Pastors A. Bartholomew, Manning, Hursch and Krausz; Lay-Delegates Nuzum, Sutzin and A. S. Leist.

The Journals and Sermons of the Licentiates and Applicants were referred to several Pastors for examination.

The President appointed the following committee to examine the Applicants: Pastors Heincke, Spielmann, Bartels, Greenwald, A. Bartholomew and Professor Bierdemann.

Other communications were received on which the President appointed an

Eighth Committee—Pastor Reichert; Candidates Abele and Wernle.

The Synod received a polite invitation from Mr. G. McMillen, Superintendent of the Ohio Institution for the education of the Blind, to visit that Institution. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the Synod gratefully accept the kind and polite invitation of the Superintendent of the Institution for the Blind, to visit said Institution; and that we will meet there to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod communicate to Mr. McMillen the foregoing resolution.

The following report of the Directors of the Columbus Seminary was

read by Rev. C. Spielmann, in German, and by Rev. J. A. Roof, in English:

TRIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GERMAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

As the records of the Board are now open for the inspection of this Rev. body, we would merely state, briefly, the substance of our proceedings.

Soon after the Lancaster session of the Joint Synod, Mr. Joseph Landes resigned his seat as a Director, and Jacob Beck, Esq. was elected in his place.

The Board, in May, 1845, called Professor C. Jucksch as Professor of Languages and Literature, who accepted the call, and entered upon the discharge of his duties on the 23d of June. At the same session, the Rev. J. A. Roof and P. Gast were appointed agents, the former to take up new subscriptions for the benefit of the Seminary in the Western District, the latter to collect the subscriptions due in a portion of the Eastern District. Both labored with untiring zeal and great success.

Professor C. Jucksch discharged the duties of his office faithfully, and to the entire satisfaction of the Board. The Board, however, finding it necessary to appoint a Professor of Theology, and the financial condition of the Institution not permitting the appointment of two professors, Professor Jucksch resigned his office in the Fall of 1846, by mutual consent of the parties. The Rev. W. F. Lehmann was then unanimously elected Professor of Theology. He entered upon his office in June of last year, but gave tuition in Somerset during the Summer Session, being unable to leave his pastoral charge earlier than Fall, when (in October,) he moved into the Seminary building.

The Rev. C. Albrecht was elected to fill the place of Professor Lehmann in the Board.

It should also be remarked, that during the last two years, efforts were made to bring about a removal of the Seminary; but the great difficulties in the way of this project, induced the Board to postpone the subject till the present session of the Synod, and refer its decision to them.

It affords the Board sincere pleasure, to be able to announce to Synod, that the Seminary is now enjoying a greater degree of prosperity again. Twenty-one students were connected with the Institution during the Winter Session, and professor Lehmann has discharged his manifold duties with fidelity and zeal. He has strictly adhered, in the course of instructions, to the regulation respecting the German and English languages recommended to the Board by the Synod at Lancaster, and adopted by the former.

In regard to doctrine, it is his constant aim, faithfully to adhere to the symbols of our church, as required in the Constitution. Respecting the external condition of the Institution, the accompanying report of the Treasurer will furnish the requisite information.

In April last the Rev. C. Spielmann presented his resignation of the Stewardship of the Institution, and the Board have not yet succeeded in filling his place. At the same time he also handed in his resignation of the Editorship of the Lutheran Standard, which is to take effect at this session of the Synod. The Lutheran Standard does not belong to the Board of Directors, but to the Rev. Synod, under whose sole cotrol and protection it should stand; we therefore commit the continuation and disposition of the paper and office to the Synod. The Standard is now in a far better condition, than when its management was forced upon the Board, three years since. At that time it was encumbered with a heavy debt of about $1,800, which has since been reduced to about $700, and the number of subscribers has been increased. The Board feel warranted in saying, that they have labored to the best of their ability to promote the prosperity both of the Seminary and Standard, and that their efforts were not left without the blessing from above.

At the present session of the Synod the term of service of the Rev. J. A. Roof, Rev. C. Spielmann, and John Leist and Michael Nigh, Esqrs., expires. It will therefore be necessary to fill their places by an election.

May the Great head of the Church, Jesus Christ, continue to be with us, and to protect and bless His cause among us, is our earnest prayer.

Respectfully.

JOSEPH A. ROOF, President,
CHRISTIAN SPIELMANN, Sec'y,
GUSTAVUS MACHOLD,
CHRISTOPH ALRBECHT,
JOHN LEIST,
MICHAEL NIGH.

COLUMBUS, June 19, 1848.

EXTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER, L. HEYL, ESQ.

Received since the commencement of the Session of the Synod in Lancaster, 1845,	$6,027 30¾
Paid for debts liquidated, repairs, &c.	4,352 20
Balance	$1,675 10¾
On interest well secured,	1,100 00
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	$575 10¾

It may be here remarked, that the debts of the Institution are now all paid.

Resolved, That the report of the Directors of the Seminary be accepted and referred to the following committee:

Ninth Committee—Pastors Wagenhals, Fast, Manning, Gruber and H. E. Melsheimer; Lay-Delegates Gebhardt, Werstler, Gast and Weiser.

Resolved, That Rev. H. Heincke be appointed a committee to collect the printed minutes of all our Synodical Conventions, and the Conferences held before the organization of the Synod, to get them bound in one or more volumes, that they may thus be preserved in the archives of the Synod, and to report thereupon as soon as it is accomplished.

Resolved, That we meet to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the new Court House, to attend the intellectual exhibition of the Students of the Seminary.

Resolved, That we now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and hold a Ministerial Session immediately after adjournment. See Proceedings of the Ministerium. Prayer by the Rev. J. J. Fast.

This evening Pastor C. G. Stuebgen preached in the German language, from Math. vii. 21.

THIRD SESSION.

Tuesday, June 20th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. Manning.

The President being absent, Pastor J. Wagenhals was called to the chair.

Pastor S. Kæmmerer, Candidate F. Hunsche and Lay-Delegate Jacob Lang arrived and took their seats.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

There were two documents referred to your Committee, upon which we respectfully report. The first contains the Rev. President's annual address. The president in this address refers to the dissatisfaction with the appointment of the place of the present Convention of the Synod, manifested by several brethren, and assigns the reasons for the appointment. The Committee are of the opinion that those reasons are perfectly satisfactory. He also directs the attention of the Synod to certain difficulties, that would attend the removal of the Seminary from Columbus, and recommends mature consideration before acting upon this matter. The Committee suggest, that it would be very disadvantageous to the Seminary, if it be removed from Columbus, and recommend mature investigation and conclusive action upon this subject. In regard to the re-organization of our Synod, recommended in the address, we would respectfully state that, in our opinion, a re-organization of this body for the reason assigned, would not be advisable.

The second document is a communication, dated Cleveland, Sept. the 9th, 1845, and signed by Prof. F. Winkler, Dr. W. Siehler, and seven others, in which they assign the reasons that induced them to secede from our Synod, and attempt to justify that hasty step. The Committee deem it unnecessary to take any further notice of this communication or the reflections it contains upon this body.

Repectfully submitted.
JACOB LEIST,
H. E. MELSHEIMER,
ANDREW HENKEL,
JOHN SCHNEPP,
DAVID WERSTLER.

The report was accepted.

In regard to the removal of the Seminary, it was

Resovled, That there be a Committee appointed consisting of one Clerical and one Lay-Member from each of the branches of this Synod to investigate the reason assigned in favor of the removal of our Seminary from Columbus, viz. Sickliness of the place. The following were appointed said committee:

Tenth Committee—Pastors A. Bartholomew, J. J. Fast, and A. Henkel; Lay-Delegates L. Heyl, A. S. Leist, and J. Lind.

Resolved, That it is unadvisable to form a Delegate Synod.

The President appointed the

Eleventh Committee—Pastors Kæmmerer and Doner, to whom were referred communications just received.

Professor G. Machold presented to the Synod a kind invitation of the Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, to visit that Institution, whereupon it was

Resolved, That we thankfully accept the invitation of the Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and will visit that Institution this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by the Rev. A. Henkel.

On Tuesday afternoon the Synod, according to resolution, visited the Deaf and Dumb Asylum and the Asylum for the Blind. In both these Institutions the pupils gave evidence of their progress in the study of History, Arithmetic, Reading, Writing and Music, that was both pleasing and astonishing, and reflects much credit upon the Teachers of these Institutions as well as upon the pupils. There are several pupils in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, who can speak distinctly. They were requested to recite the Lord's Prayer, which they did in an audible and distinct manner. In the Institution for the Blind, the performance by the choir was indeed

sublime and admirable. One of the pupils a young lady from Switzerland, sang the *Schweitzer Heimweh*, and accompanied it on the Piano; her performance was truly excellent and touching, and drew many a tear of sympathy from the eyes of the spectators. The Latin, German and French languages are also taught in this Institution. The regulation and management of these Institutions are excellent, and, in our opinion, cannot fail to prove satisfactory to all. Parents who have children deprived of sight and speech, should, *by all means*, place them under the care of the worthy Superintendents of these Institutions.

On Tuesday evening the Students of the Seminary entertained a crowded audience with various original essays in prose and poetry, both in German and English. The subjects of these essays, the excellent style of their composition, and the pleasing manner in which they were delivered by the Students, are evidence as well of the zeal and ability of our worthy Professor in his important trust, as of the talents and industry of these young men. If they continue to build upon the foundation, that has evidently been well laid, we may, in due time, cheerfully entrust them with the insignia of Watchmen on the walls of Zion.

FOURTH SESSION.

Wednesday, June 21st, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Roof.

It was announced that the President had this morning departed for home, in consequence of sickness in his family; on his request it was

Resolved, That Brother J. Wagenhals officiate as President pro tem. during the present session of the Synod.

The Minutes of the third session were read.

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE.

Your Committee respectfully report, as follows:

No. 3. is a letter from Rev. Dr. C. R. Demme, of Philadelphia, addressed to Rev. C. Spielmann, in which he informs him, that the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, have resolved to publish a new German Lutheran Hymn Book, and that they desire the co-

operation of other Synods of our church in this undertaking. He solicits this body in particular, to co-operate with them. The letter contains also the report of the Committee of the above named Synod upon this subject.

Your Committee acknowledge the difficulty of introducing a new Hymn Book in our churches, especially as Mr. H. Ludwig, of New York, has published a new edition of the Union Hymn Book, with an appendix containing many excellent hymns, which has been very extensively introduced in our churches, and believe, therefore, that at the present time the co-operation of our Synod in this undertaking is not advisable.

Submitted.

H. HEINCKE,
A. B. BIERDEMANN,
E. GREENWALD,
E. GEBHARDT,
C. WAGNER.

Pastor Bartels a member of this committee, departed for home in consequence of indisposition; this accounts for the absence of his signature.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE.

Your Committee respectfully report:

No. 1. Is a testimonial of Rev. W. Lœhe of Neudettelsau, in Franconia, in favor of Mr. G. Tuerk, Applicant, stating that he had received an education preparatory to the calling of a Minister of the Gospel or a Teacher, and testifying of his good moral character and industrious habits.

No. 2. His certificate of baptism.

Nos. 3–7. Testimonials of three congregations in Crawford and Wyandotte Counties, in favor of Applicant G. Tuerk, as to his moral character and doctrines.

No. 8. The journal of Applicant G. Tuerk, accompanied with a petition for admission in our Synod.

No. 9. A testimonial of St. Peters' church, in New Bremen, in favor of Rev. A. Conradi, together with a kind invitation to hold the Convention of the Synod, when convenient, in their place.

No. 10. Is a communication from the Church-Council of St. Paul's church, in Beaver, Clarion County, Pa., praying that Candidate M. Sondhaus may be appointed their Minister.

No. 11. Is a testimonial of the congregation in Loudonville, Ashland County, Ohio, in favor of Candidate J. P. Conradi; they conclude by invoking the blessing of the Lord upon the Synod.

No. 12. A favourable testimonial of the congregations of Candidate Wernle; praying that the Rev. Wernle may be further continued as their Minister.

No. 13–15. Testimonials of three congregations in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, testifying favorably of the doctrine and moral conduct of Candidate Dœppenschmidt.

No. 16. Is a petition of Candidate K. Dœppenschmidt for admission in our Synod.

Respectfully submitted

C. ADAM,
J. GRUBER,
A. DONER,
J. D. LEIST,
CHRISTIAN GAST.

The report was accepted.

In regard to the favorable testimonials in No. 1–7 and 11–15, the Synod expressed their gratitude and pleasure.

No. 8, 10, and 16, were referred to the Ministerium.

The President appointed the following Committee to audit the Treasurer's account, and to receive the collections for the Synodical Treasury: viz. Pastor Borchers and Lay-Delegates J. D. Leist and S. Weiser.

The Rev. John Lehmann, of Lancaster, was introduced to the Synod and admitted as an advisory member.

A manuscript copy of the translation of the Form of Concord was laid before the Synod, whereupon it was

Resolved, That Professor Bierdemann, Rev. E. Greenwald and L. Heyl, Esq. be appointed a committee to correspond with the translator concerning the publication of the translation of the Book of Concord.

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

No. 1 and 2, Are letters from Pastors J. J. Beilharz and Cranz, giving the reason of their absence.

No. 3. Is a similar letter from Pastor Nonnenmaker. Pastor N. also informs the Synod that there are vacant congregations in Canada, which ought to be supplied with a Minister, who can officiate in German and English; he also states that he has not yet held his annual collections in his congregations for the Synodical Treasury, but intends doing so ere long.

No. 4. Is a letter from Rev. Passavant of the Synod of Pittsburg, He states that he was appointed a Delegate to our Synod, but, to his great regret, it was impossible for him to be present at our present Convention. He states further that the Synod of Pittsburg admitted with pleasure, the Delegate from the Eastern District of our Synod, and that they regard this friendly intercourse as an omen, that the day may soon arrive, when all who confess the Augsburg Confession, will not be separated by distrust and jealousies, but united by confidence and sympathy in the bond of brotherly love.

Respectfully.

H. BORCHERS,
J. C. SCHULZE,
C. F. KUNERT,
JOHN KERSCHNER.

The report was accepted.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Schladermandt.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by Professor Bierdemann.

Resolved, That the Brethren D. Cranz, J. J. Beilharz, and J. D. Nonnenmaker be excused for non-attendance.

Resolved, That it is with pleasure we perceive the fraternal feelings of the Pittsburgh Synod toward this body, and that we hereby assure those brethren that we entertain a like disposition toward them.

Resolved, That President J. Mechling be appointed Delegate to the next Convention of the Pittsburgh Synod.

REPORT OF THE TENTH COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the truth of the reasons assigned for the removal of your Seminary from its present location, and to impart to the Synod their views upon the subject respectfully

REPORT:

That they have made the proper inquiry, and from sources, (medical and others,) in which the Committee have entire confidence, have derived the following information, to wit:

That the city, in common with the more level portions of the State, is subject, to some extent, to bilious diseases, that it will, however, compare favorably respecting its healthfulness with any other town or city in central Ohio;*—that its early history shows it to have been *then* unhealthy, and that this fact probably gave rise to the reports circulated in various parts of the State with regard to the subject, but that for many years it has steadily grown more and more healthy, owing to the fact that, as the soil in the vicinity becomes cultivated, the main causes of disease are removed, as is indeed well known to be the fact, as to all situations of a like character.

*From this last statement, as to the comparative healthfulness of the city with other places, it is proper to remark that the chairman of the committee dissents.

That the North-Western and South-Western extremities of the city bordering on the canal and river, are not so healthy as the remaining portions—That fever and ague has prevailed to a considerable extent in the immediate vicinity of the Seminary, being the South-Western part of the city and that the causes assigned for this, by physicians and others, are partly, the locality, but principally, the mode of living, of by far the greater proportion of the inhabitants of that vicinity. They are principally foreigners unaccustomed to the climate—many of them poor, whose dwellings are small, close and unventillated—many of them at certain seasons employed in the most unhealthy kinds of labor, as for instance, cleaning the canal, when they stand, to a considerable depth in the water, and inhale the noxious and poisonous effluvia rising about them. This remark, will of course, not apply to the inmates of the Seminary. But even there, it is believed, much of the sickness is caused by imprudent exposure. We have only to reflect, that most of the young men, who congregate there, have been during their whole previous lives engaged in active pursuits and entirely unaccustomed to sedentary habits, and that most of them when they come here have attained, or nearly attained to the age of manhood. All at once, their whole course of life is changed.—They have limited themselves to one, two, or at farthest three years of study at the Institution, and feel that all their time is necessary to effect their object. They therefore go to the other extreme, and become too sedentary in their habits. Add to this, a want on their part of proper attention to diet and exercise even during the recesses from their labors, and it is not difficult to conceive a real cause for disease without regard to the location. It is, however, due to truth, to say that out of about one hundred different inmates at the Seminary building, during the fifteen years of its existence, only five deaths have occurred there. One from extreme age (the Father of Rev. Spielmann,) another (Professor Schmidt) from constitutional disease, one student of congestive fever, one (a child) of a spasmodic attack, and one other child, some thirteen or fourteen years ago, disease not recollected. The committee appended to this report a statement of the Superintendents of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum and the Ohio Institution for the Education of the Blind, as to the health of their respective Institutions. It is proper to remark that one of those gentlemen informed the Committee verbally that there had been occasionally a very slight attack of ague at his Institution, not requiring the attendance of a physician, which he did not consider necessary to include in his written statement.

As to the expense of boarding, &c., the Committee have to say, that the usual price of board and washing per week, has been one dollar and twenty-five cents for each student. The price of wood, when purchased in the Summer and Fall is one dollar and twenty-five cents per cord, but during very bad roads, and extreme cold weather, persons who neglect to provide at the proper season, are sometimes compelled to pay from two dollars to even two dollars and fifty cents per cord. The price of coal is from eight to ten cents, but it should be observed that the means of transportation by rail-roads, canals, &c., are constantly increasing and will propably cause a reduction in the price ere long. The

Committee are informed, that one year ago the Rev. C. Spielmann offered to board the Students at one dollar per week, if twenty or more should be in attendance, but that this could not be done with a smaller number.

As regards the legal effect of a removal, the Committee, are satisfied from the annexed opinion of legal gentlemen, that said removal would involve the loss of a very large amount of the property now accumulated, and release all the subscribers, many of whom, we fear, are only seeking a pretext to avoid paying their subscriptions.

With respect to other advantages and disadvantages of the location, the Committee would remark, that Columbus, as the seat of government furnishes facilities for mental cultivation, which many other points in Ohio do not afford. The circumstances which surround it, the many strangers who congregate here, require all the various churches to call into requisition the best talent which they can procure for their pulpits. The United States Circuit and District Courts hold their semi-annual terms here. The highest judicial tribunal of Ohio, (the Court in Bank) its annual terms—the Legislature its sessions—lectures on various scientific subjects, are given at all seasons, all conduce to the congregating of the best talent of the State, and often the United States. Again there is an extensive State Library to which the students and citizens have free access at any hour in the day, and out of which, with the aid of persons authorized to take out books, they may at any time obtain the loan of a useful book, which they could not otherwise procure. Taking all these things in connexion, the Committee cannot come to any other conclusion than, that it would be highly injudicious to remove the Institution from the City of Columbus; they therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the Synod the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to remove the Seminary from Columbus.

AMOS BARTHOLOMEW,
LEWIS HEYL,
A. HENKEL,
J. J. FAST,
JOHN LIND,
AMOS S. LEIST.

APPENDIX

TO THE REPORT OF THE TENTH COMMITTEE.

(1.)

STATEMENT OF COUNSEL FURNISHED TO THE DIRECTORY OF THE SEMINARY, FEBRUARY 8, 1847.

The original subscription for the Lutheran Seminary at Columbus, is in these words:

"We the undersigned agree to pay the sums attached to our names,

respectively, to the Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Synod, providing the same shall be fixed and located at Columbus, in the County of Franklin, in the State of Ohio."

Large amounts were subscribed—the Institution subsequently incorporated and located at Columbus, and the subscriptions paid.

The subscriptions and donations having been made upon these conditions, we are of the opinion that it would be bad faith toward these donors to remove the Seminary from Columbus; and a Court of Chancery would either prevent the officers of the corporation from doing it, or make the corporation refund the money obtained on the above subscription.

We believe the corporation have a right to change the location of the Institution, to any other place in Columbus, which the officers may deem more eligible.

J. R. SWAN.
N. H. SWAYNE.

February 8, 1847.

(2.)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEAF AND DUMB ASYLUM, ON THE SUBJECT OF THE HEALTH OF THE INSTITUTION.

Lewis Heyl, Esq.

Sir: In answer to your inquiry, as to the general health of the pupils of the Ohio Deaf and Dumb Asylum, since its establishment, I would beg leave to state, that the Asylum has been in operation nearly nineteen years. There have been connected with it as pupils, during that time, nearly four hundred different individuals, embracing every variety of temperament and peculiarity of constitution.

For the first fourteen years, we had *no case* of serious illness. The first death among the pupils which occurred at the Asylum, was in November, 1843, a case of common fever of the country generally. During the next fourteen months, we had four other deaths at the Asylum: three of which, were cases of clearly marked consumption; and I have no doubt, but those persons who died with it at the Asylum, would have died at home, or any where else about the same time.

The other case of death was that of a young lady from Louisiana, who was taken ill, and died of fever, a few weeks after she had returned to the Asylum, having been at home about three years and a half. In the opinion of the attending Physician, the fever was a peculiar one, similar to such as prevail on the Red river, from whence she came.

These are all the deaths which have occurred at the Asylum since its establishment. I might, however, mention that we had a case of accidental death by drowning of one of the boys in the Scioto, near Columbus, about twelve years ago.

For four years past, we have enjoyed the same general health at the Asylum, with which we were blessed, for the first fourteen years of its existence, when it was quite seldom that we required the services of a Physician.

On the whole, and making a general estimate of the health of the pupils of the Asylum for this long course of years, I beg leave to say, that I consider it remarkably good, compared with that of other Deaf and Dumb Institutions, or with that of an equal number of persons in any part of our country, for the same length of time. I might add, that I make this statement from my personal knowledge, having been connected with the Asylum, from the first.

Respectfully.

H. N. HUBBELL.

June 21, 1848.

(3.)

OHIO INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND,

Columbus, June 21st, 1848.

L. Heyl, Esq.

Dear Sir: From the last report of the Superintendent of this Institution, I find that there had been received up to that date one hundred and fifty pupils, of this number, eight have died in the Institution as pupils, to which may be added four who left in consequence of ill health, and who have since died, some of these deaths were caused by inflammatory, and others by chronic diseases, one by accident, falling from the roof of the building.

This Institution has been in existence eleven years, and from the above it will be seen that only twelve have died out of the one hundred and fifty, who had been received from time to time, up to the date mentioned, (last fall), a few additional pupils have since been received. I think this is not a greater degree of mortality than will be found among an equal number of persons of any class, any where, during the same period of time.

That you may form a correct estimate of the general health of the inmates of our house, and of the salubrity of the locality, I shall add two or three extracts from Doctor Howard's reports—The first is dated December first, 1845, and is as follows:

"Since the first of August, 1844, the period at which I was appointed "Physician to the Institution, the pupils have generally enjoyed excellent "health, in fact, a great majority of them, comprehending those possessing "ordinary strength and vigor of constitution, have suffered as little or less "from sickness, than the same number of persons enjoying the blessing of "sight, who are exposed to the vicissitudes of climate in their varied occu-"pations."

In his report of December, 1846, he says:

"Such is the salubrity of its location, the good order and ventilation of "all its apartments, that the Institution has scarcely been visited by either "of the prevailing epidemics, which have spread so widely over the State "during the past season; a few cases only of mild remittent fever having "occurred."

The following is from the report of December first, 1847.

"With a single exception, no disease has prevailed among the pupils of "this Institution during the past year. The salubrity of its location, and "excellence of its internal regulations, are such that no rational fears need "be entertained of the prevalence of any disease, unless of the most "malignant and contagious character."

I will only add that from information derived from various sources, I am induced to believe, that the greater number of deaths, that have occurred, have resulted from constitutional derangement of the system rather than from any proximate and immediate cause—all the facts connected with the subject tend to show that ours is a remarkably healthful situation.

Very Respectfully.

G. McMILLEN.

The report was adopted, and it was unanimously

Resolved, That it is not advisable to remove the Seminary from Columbus.*

Adjourned until to-morrow, 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother Borchers.

This evening Rev. C. Adam preached in the German language from Rom. iv. 5.

SIXTH SESSION.

Thursday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by Brother H. E. Melsheimer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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*As the question concerning the removal of the Seminary was a very important subject to be disposed of by the Synod, there was particular attention devoted to it; and for the same reason the report of the Committee and appendix appear in the minutes at length, whilst the other transactions are published in the usual abridged form.

The following preamble and resolution in regard to Muhlenberg College were unanimously adopted:

As harmony of feeling and concert of action are at all times desirable, and as the Directors of Muhlenberg College, now present, are willing to restrict the permission to elect Directors to that Institution, given in the Constitution, to "Lutheran Synods and Corporations," to such as adhere to the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board of Directors of our Seminary, to give to the Directors of Muhlenberg College one-half of all the money, the members of the English branch of this Synod may be able in their respective charges to collect, on the outstanding subscriptions for the Columbus Seminary; Provided, that, should the Institution fail, or the money be diverted from its present object, it is to be refunded to the Board of the Columbus Seminary.

Resolved, That the Treasurers of the Branches of this Synod are hereby requested to transmit to the Treasurer of this Synod, according to a standing resolution, the one-half of their annual collections not yet remitted, and not to neglect to do so in future.

Resolved, That Mr. H. Ludwig, of New York, merits our thanks for his laudable efforts to supply the Church with useful books, and we hereby warmly recommend his publications to our church-members, especially Dr. Luther's Hauspostille, Meurer's Life of Luther, the Symbolical Books, and Schott's Augsburg Confession.

Resolved, That the following Committee be appointed to revise the Constitution of our Synod and Ministerium, and that they report at the present Session of the Synod.

Twelfth Committee—Pastors J. Leist, H. Heincke, and Professor A. B. Bierdemann.

REPORT ON THE TREASURY.

The Committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer, report as follows:

Balance in the Treasury, in 1845,	$498 20½
Collections received in 1845,	254 23¾
Total,	$752 44¼
Paid as per vouchers,	132 58¾
Balance in Treasury,	$619 85½

This balance consists of: 1, notes against the Seminary $604 39
2, an uncurrent banknote, 10 00
3, cash, 5 46½
Total as above, $619 85½

Respectfully submitted.

H. BORCHERS,
S. WEISER,
J. D. LEIST.

The report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That the notes against the Seminary be remitted to the Directors, and that the uncurrent bank note be destroyed.

REPORT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE.

No. 1. Is an accusation of the Church-Council of the Loudonville Congregation, in Ashland County, Ohio, against Rev. C. F. Kunert.

No. 2–3. Are Testimonials of the Loudonville and Vermillion Congregations, in Ashland County Ohio, in favor of Candidate J. P. Conradi.

No. 4. Is an excuse of Candidate Th. Hengist, for his non-attendance, and a request to renew his license.

No. 5–6–7, Testimonials of four Congregations in Crawford County, Ohio, in favor of Candidate R. Grætz, and a request that he might be ordained.

No. 8–9–10. Are Candidate J. G. Abele's Journal and Testimonials from his Congregations in his favor.

No. 11. Is a recommendation of the Evangelical Society for America, in favor of Rev. A. Kleinegees, subscribed by G. G. Treviranus, Pastor primarius at St. Martin's in Bremen.

No. 12. Is a Testimonial of five Congregations in Dark County, Ohio, in favor of Candidate A. Kleinegees.

No. 13. Is a communication from St. John's church in Darby Township, Union County, Ohio; the destitute condition of this Congregation is represented and a request submitted, that Student Kœberlin may be appointed their Minister.

No. 14. A Testimonial of Jerusalem's Church in Columbiana, O., in favor of Candidate W. Sigelen, and a request for his admittance by the Synod.

No. 15. Is a communication from Rev. J. Zimmermann, in which he offers "the want of pecuniary means," as an excuse for his non-attendance, and concludes with some very appropriate remarks in relation to the lukewarmness and indifference of many Ministers to attend the Synodical Conventions.

No. 16. Is a Testimonial of the Church-Council of the Congregation in Mansfield, Ohio, in favor of Candidate F. Hunsche.

Respectfully Submitted.

BENJ. POPE,
C. G. STUEBGEN,
J. SCHLADERMUNDT,
D. MAUS,
S. WEISER.

The report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That No. 1. be read, and that Rev. Kunert shall have the permission to reply to the accusation it contains.

No. 2 to 12, and 13 and 14. The Synod received with pleasure the favorable testimonials they contain.

In relation to No. 4 it was

Resolved, That Candidate Hengist be excused.

The petitions of the Candidates Hengist, Grætz, and Sigelen were referred to the Ministerial Session.

No. 13. As W. C. Kœberlin has not applied for admittance and intends to continue his Studies in the Seminary, the petition of St. John's Church cannot be granted at present.

In relation to No. 15, it was

Resolved, That Rev. J. Zimmermann be not excused.

It was also further

Resolved, That all the members of this body be earnestly advised, if it be possible, to attend the meetings of the Synod, and also, which is of paramount importance, to observe and carry out the resolutions of the Synod in their respective charges, which, we must say with regret, is but too often neglected.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock, this afternoon. Prayer by Brother Bartholomew.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Thursday Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Prayer by the Rev. J. J. Fast.

Pastor Kunert's reply to the accusations of the Congregation at Loudonville was submitted to the Synod, whereupon it was

Resolved, That there be a Committee appointed to investigate this matter, in the Congregation at Loudonville, and that this Committee have the power, after due investigation, to make a final decision.

Pastor Kunert elected Pastor J. J. Fast, Candidate Conradi, the Minister of the Congregation, elected Pastor Spangler, and the President appointed Pastor Adam, as members of said Committee.

REPORT OF THE NINTH COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, to whom the Report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary was referred, report as follows:

As the report of the Directors of the Seminary will be published in the Minutes, we deem it unnecessary to state the contents of it in this place, and submit the following resolutions for the consideration of the Synod:

1. *Resolved*, That we are perfectly satisfied with the manner, in which the Directors discharged their duties in the appointment of Professors, and the management of the financial concerns of the Seminary, and that we rejoice at the favorable prospects of the future prosperity of this Institution.

2. *Resolved*, That the resignation of Rev. Spielmann be accepted.

Respectfully.

J. WAGENHALS,
J. GRUBER,
J. J. FAST,
J. MANNING,
E. GEBHARDT,
S. WEISER,
Ch. GAST.

The Report was adopted litterally.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Krausz.

This evening the solemn Service of Ordination took place. Pastor A. Henkel preached the ordination sermon, from I. Tim. iii. 22. After which the Brethren J. P. Conradi, A. Conradi and R. Grætz, were solemnly ordained and set apart to the ministry of reconciliation, by the President, assisted by the Secretary and Pastor Heincke, according to the ritual of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and upon the confession of her Symbolical Books.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Friday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Opened with singing and prayer by Brother Pope.

Resolved, That we tender our grateful acknowledgements to the Rev. H. B. Hitchcock and the Trustees and members of the Second Presbyterian Church in Columbus, for their kindness, in granting us the use of their church for public worship, during this Convention.

Resolved, That Rev. J. P. Conradi and Hunsche, have leave of absence, for reasons assigned.

Adjourned, for the purpose of holding a meeting of the Education Society. (See Proceedings of the Education Society.)

CONTINUATION OF THE SYNODICAL SESSION, AT HALF PAST 11 O'CLOCK.

Upon the request of Pastor Wagenhals, it was

Resolved, That Professor Lehmann, Pastor Spielmann and L. Heyl, Esq. be appointed a Committee to settle with Rev. Wagenhals in regard to the German Liturgies, and that these Liturgies be in future deposited with Professor Lehmann.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, this afternoon. Prayer by Brother Gast.

NINTH SESSION.

Friday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Opened with singing and prayer by Brother A. Conradi.

REPORT OF THE SEVENTH COMMITTEE.

No. 1. Is a number of the Lutheran Bothschafter. This is a periodical that is very much needed in our Church, and is well calculated to meet the wants of the German portion of our Church-members.

No. 2. Is the Minutes of the tenth Convention of the Eastern District

of our Synod. The officers are: Bishop Mechling, President, Bishop Schweizerbarth, Secretary, and Bishop Kuchler, Treasurer.

No. 3. The Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, &c., held at Chicago. C. F. Walther is President, Dr. W. Siehler, Vice President, F. W. Husmann, Secretary, and F. W. Barthel, Treasurer.

No. 4. Is a Report of the 29th Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland. Professor H. L. Baugher is President, Professor C. A. Hay, Secretary, and Pastor P. Willard, Treasurer.

No. 5. The Minutes of the sixth Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Eastern Pennsylvania. Pastor J. Ruthrauff is President, Pastor G. Diehl, Secretary, and Pastor A. Wieting Treasurer.

No. 6. The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Tennessee. The officers are: a Chairman, Rev. A. J. Braun Secretary, and Rev. F. Moser, Treasurer. This Synod is energetically engaged in promoting the cause of the Lutheran Standard.

No. 7. The Minutes of the centennial Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Pennsylvania, &c. The officers are Dr. W. G. Ernst, President, Pastor C. F. Welden, Secretary, and Dr. J. C. Becker, Treasurer.

In all these Minutes there is nothing contained, that has particular reference to our Synod, excepting a report on a letter of Applicant G. Tuerk, in the Minutes of the Synod of Missouri, which must be referred to the Ministerium.

Respectfully.

A. BARTHOLOMEW, Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

In relation to the "Lutheran Bothschafter," it was unanimously

Resolved, That all the members of this Synod use all possible efforts to increase the usefulness and circulation of the Lutheran Bothschafter, as well by suitable communications and selections for its columns, as by soliciting our Church-members and others to give it their patronage.

Resolved, That the election of four Directors of the Seminary be now held.

Pastor Adam and Candidate Wernle were appointed to superintend the election.

After counting the ballots, it appeared that Pastors Roof and Spielmann, and Messrs. John Leist and L. Heyl were elected, for the term of six years.

Resolved, That Pastors Greenwald, Roof, and Wagenhals, and Messrs. L. Heyl, Amos Leist and John Conly, or any three of these, be appointed a Committee on the part of this Synod, to make such arrangements on its behalf for the future management of the Lutheran Standard as shall secure its permanent establishment and continuance, and that whoever may conduct the establishment hereafter, be hereby instructed to enforce the

payment of all debts due to it, and after the close of the present volume, to insist upon advance-payment.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock, this evening. Prayer by Rev. Albrecht.

TENTH SESSION.

Friday Evening, 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Hursch.

REPORT OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE.

No. 1. Is a letter from Pastor Isensee, assigning indisposition as the cause of his absence.

No. 2. A letter from Pastor Hordorf of the same import.

No. 3. A letter from Pastor Fetter also praying to be excused on account of his absence.

No. 4. A letter from Pastor Hœlsche. Brother Hœlsche states that sickness in his family prevented his being present at the Synod, he also represents his Congregation as being in a flourishing condition.

Respectfully.

P. GAST,
G. SPANGLER,
E. MELSHEIMER,
JOHN HARTSCHUH,
JACOB WINGERT.

The Report was accepted.

Resolved, That the Brethren Isensee, Hordorf, Fetter and Hœlsche are excused.

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH COMMITTEE.

No. 1 and 2. Are communications from the Church-councils of St. Paul's church, in Unity and St. Peter's in Springfield, Mahoning County, Ohio, bearing a good testimony of Rev. W. Sigelen, and praying that he may be admitted as a member of this Synod.

No. 3. Is a petition for a Minister from a small English Congregation in Harrison Township, Champaign County, Ohio.

No. 4. Is a petition of the Church-council of Frieden's Church in Franklin County, Ohio, praying for a Minister to supply the place of their former Pastor, the Rev. P. Gast, through whose removal they became destitute.

No. 5. Is a petition of a member of St. John's church in Auglaize County, Ohio, representing the destitute condition of this Congregation and praying for a Minister.

Respectfully.

C. G. REICHERT,
C. WERNLE,
J. G. ABELE.

The Report was accepted.

No. 1–2. The petition was referred to the Ministerium, and the testimony in favour of Rev. W. Sigelen was received with pleasure.

In relation to No. 2, it was

Resolved, That the Brethren Hursch and Doner visit the Congregations in Champaign County.

No. 4. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Wagenhals, Wernle and Gast visit the Congregations in Franklin County as often as possible.

No. 5. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Hursch, A. Conradi and Dœpken visit the destitute Congregations in Auglaize County.

REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH COMMITTEE.

No. 1. Is a letter from Pastor Schweizerbarth, in which he assigns several reasons for his absence, and states that he has in his hands $121 42 for the Seminary and other purposes.

No. 2. Is a petition of St. John's church in Zanesville, stating that they will become destitute of a Minister by the first of July, and praying that the Synod may remember them and, if possible, supply them with a Pastor.

Respectfully.

S. KÆMMERER,
A. DONER.

The Report was accepted.

Resolved, That Brother Schweizerbarth be excused.

Resolved, That the Brethren Manning, Roof, Albrecht and Greenwald be appointed to visit the Congregation in Zanesville as often as possible, until they can be again supplied with a Minister.

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod are authorized to appoint the place of the next Convention of the Synod, and that, if possible, they appoint a place East of the Muskingum river.

Resolved, That the Brethren Heincke, Spielmann, Beirdemann, Greenwald, Bartels and A. Bartholomew be appointed an Examination Committee at the next Convention of this Synod.

Resolved, That the Eastern District of this Synod meet on Wednesday evening before full moon in September, 1849, at New Springfield, Columbiana County, Ohio.

Resolved, That the Western District of this Synod meet on Friday before Trinity, 1849, in Lewisburg, Preble County, Ohio.

Resolved, That the balance of Rev. Spielmann's salary, as Editor of the Standard, be paid out of the Treasury of the Joint Synod.

Resolved, That eighteen hundred copies of the Minutes be printed in German and one thousand in English, and that they be sold at five cents a piece.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The presentation of licenses, by the President and Secretary, to the Brethren Dœppenschmidt, Sigelen, Kleinegees and Tuerk, with the appropriate Solemnities, closed the Session.

F. C. BECKER, Secretary.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

Saturday Morning, 7 o'clock.

The President and Secretary both being absent, the Rev. H. Heincke was elected President and Professor A. B. Bierdemann, Secretary pro tempore. It was then on motion

Resolved, That Professor Lehmann be added to the Committee in relation to the Standard.

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution of the Synod and Ministerium now submitted the result of their labors to the Synod.

The new Constitution was read and considered by paragraphs and adopted with a few amendments. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the revised Constitution be adopted, as amended, and that the old one be declared void.

Resolved, That L. Heyl, Esq. and Professor Lehmann be appointed a Committee to take the necessary steps for the incorporation of the Synod and Education Society.

Resolved, That, as the Rev. D. Schuh and Hermann have not reported themselves to the Synod for the space of three years, neither personally nor by letter, as the Constitution requires, their names be stricken from the list of members of this Synod.

Resolved, That the Archives of the Synod be kept in the Library of the Seminary at Columbus, under the superintendence of the Professor of Theology.

Resolved, That the loan from the Treasury of the Synod of $58 81 to the Lutheran Standard, of which there is no mention made in the Treasurer's report,* be remitted.

Resolved, That we have witnessed with unfeigned interest the progress of the pupils of the Ohio Deaf and Dumb Asylum and the Ohio Institution for the Education of the Blind, and that we cheerfully add our testimony to the high character for usefulness, which those Institutions, under the efficient management of their respective Superintendents and Teachers, have acquired.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Columbus, for their kind reception and hospitable entertainment of the members of this Synod during their present session.

Resolved, That the several Editors of this City are requested to publish the foregoing resolution in their respective papers.

Resolved, That Professor Bierdemann and Rev. Greenwald be appointed to superintend the printing of one thousand copies of the Constitution of the Synod in German and five hundred in English.

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn to meet again on Friday before Trinity, 1851, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Closed with singing and prayer.

Thus ended the Sessions of our Synod, which in view of the transactions, have not been excelled by any Convention of this body, and in which there pervaded such a fraternal, amiable spirit, as has scarcely ever been witnessed in this Synod. There has been an excellent object attained in this Convention: the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjoining States now stands firm upon the Confessions of Faith of the Lutheran Church, as well by a resolution of the Synod, as also by three *definite* Articles in the amended Constitution of the Synod and Ministerium.

May the Lord, the Head of his church, enable us to continue true to the teaching of his word, and cause those to return, who have departed from it, in order that all may know him and the way of life aright, and, united in faith and love, be able to bear the victory over the kingdom of Satan.

A. B. BEIRDEMANN, Secy. pro tem.

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*This money was sent to L. Heyl, Esq. by the Treasurer of the Eastern District.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Names of Ministers.	Congregations	Baptized	Confirmed	Communicants	Marriages	Burials	Sunday Schools	Collections.	
								Dollars	Cents
Pastor J. Leist	2	63	..	82	1	..	..	4	25
" H. Heincke	4	86	43	467	21	35	1	8	00
" A. Henkel	5	53	58	738	..	15	..	20	00
" S. Kæmmerer	2	34	37	362	11	10	1	10	33
" J. Wagenhals	3	63	25	512	..	17	..	5	50
" J. J. Beilharz	4	68	23	725	15	16	1	5	00
" J. Gruber	8	97	42	887	27	43	1	12	00
" B. Pope	3	30	..	203	7	8	3	14	02
" D. Cranz	4	71	27	671	8	15	2	7	63
" G. Spangler	7	35	25	180	1	5	..	7	71
" C. Adam	3	41	..	211	8	10	1	3	26
" J. Krausz	4	96	..	480	18	20	2	5	00
" G. Bartels	2	15	4	175	2	3	1	1	50
" J. C. Schulze	1	50	10	150	3	6	1	5	00
" A. Hordorf	1	54	17	519	27	27	..	3	03
" A. Doner	6	78	49	304	5	18	2	3	65
" J. Schladermundt	1	15	5	65	6	11	1	2	00
" J. C. Reichert	6	22	9	270	3	6	2	4	02½
" H. Lang	7	53	8	602	13	26	2	10	00
" C. Albrecht	3	52	9	200	7	10	2	10	00
" P. Gast	4	28	..	212	3	10	1	3	00
" J. Hursch	5	49	15	626	6	7	..	10	00
" H. Borchers	1	60	27	770	11	42	1	7	02
" C. F. Minner	8	50	16	475	10	6	3	3	00
" C. P. Kunert	5	34	8	286	3	6	..	3	00
" J. P. Conradi	3	29	20	236	5	7	1	2	50
" A. Conradi	1	36	12	384	11	12	1	3	00
" R. Grætz	4	39	15	295	3	14	1	4	48
Candidate C. Wernle	4	5	..	....	..	7	..	..	..
" F. Hunsche	7	45	19	400	12	15	1	2	48
" W. Sigelen	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	10	25
" G. Dœpken	1	14	3	95	4	5	..	5	57
" A. Kleinegees	5	12	18	74	..	3	..	1	97
" J. G. Abele	2	68	13	290	14	19	..	2	00
Pastor J. Mechling	7	59	9	683	11	5	3	9	60
" C. G. Schweizerbarth	2	39	47	503	16	14	..	32	55*

* For Missions.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.—Continued.

Names of Ministers.	Congregations	Baptized	Confirmed	Communicants	Marriages	Burials	Sunday Schools	Collections.	
								Dollars.	Cents.
Pastor J. Hœlsche	2	44	26	350	20	27	1	12	00
" J. J. Fast	3	16	27	407	18	7	..	14	50
" H. E. Melsheimer	7	80	36	600	18	12	..	15	00
" W. A. Fetter	3	28	12	230	6	6	..	4	00*
" F. C. Becker	8	28	15	410	3	11	3	..	..
" J. Zimmermann	4	21	24	300	4	2	..	24	91
" J. Isensee	2	12	..	150	3	2	1	4	63
" J. D. Nonnenmacher	3	15	18	132	13	3	1	..	..
" C. G. Stuebgen	1	39	15	400	20	11	1	..	..
Candidate Th. Hengist	5	33	..	370	8	7	..	4	50
" K. Dœppenschmidt	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	5	01
" G. Tuerk	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	4	25
Professor W. F. Lehmann	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	6	22
	173	959	786	16481	405	561	42	337	34½

The above are the reports as they have been handed in, either orally or in writing. Some of the brethren, especially of those Branch-Synods whose annual Conventions have been lately held, have not given in any reports, which accounts for the imperfection of the above table.

* And $1 00 for the cause of Education.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

Monday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

After a lengthy and fraternal consultation, in relation to the admission of the Candidates to the examination, in view of Ordination, the Ministerium finally unanimously

Resolved, That the Candidates J. P. Conradi, A. Conradi and R. Grætz be admitted to examination for Ordination.

Adjourned until Tuesday afternoon, 2 o'clock. Prayer by Pastor Leist.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Pastor Lang.

Without debate, it was unanimously

Resolved, That this Ministerium hereby confess the Symbolical Books

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and obligate themselves to teach in accordance with them, because they correctly exhibit the Doctrines of the Holy Scriptures; and that, henceforth, all Applicants for Licensure and Ordination shall be examined in, and obligated to them.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Gruber.

THIRD SESSION.

Thursday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother Adam.

Resolved, That the question before the Ministerium in relation to M. Sondhaus be indefinitely postponed.

The President read a letter from Candidate Tanke praying for a dismissal. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the name of Candidate Tanke be stricken from the list of members of this Ministerium.

Resolved, That the Applicants Dœppenschmidt, Kleinegees and Sigelen be admitted to examination.

Applicant G. Tuerk having vindicated himself against certain charges preferred against him, and promised also to do so publicly, it was

Resolved, That Applicant George Tuerk be admitted to examination.

Adjourned until 5 o'clock, and the Synodical Session resumed.

FOURTH SESSION.

Thursday Afternoon, 5 o'clock.

The Examination Committee reported through Pastor Heincke:

That they have examined the Candidates J. P. Conradi, A. Conradi and R. Grœtz, and recommend that they be ordained.

Resolved, That the Candidates J. P. Conradi, A. Conradi, and R. Grætz be ordained.

Certain charges having been preferred against Rev. Sondhaus in regard to his unsettled conduct it was

Resolved, That privilege be given to him to vindicate himself.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 7 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Stuebgen.

FIFTH SESSION.

Friday Morning, 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Schulze.

Rev. Sondhaus appeared before the Ministerium, and after having presented his vindication against the above named charges, it was

Resolved, That the former resolution indefinitely postponing this matter shall remain unaltered.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit immediately the resolutions relating to Mr. Sondhaus to the Congregations in Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed to examine the Applicants, reported through Pastor Heincke:

That the Applicants Dœppenschmidt, Sigelen, Kleinegees and Tuerk, have been examined and that they be recommended to the Ministerium to be licensed as Candidates.

Resolved, That the Applicants Dœppenschmidt, Sigelen, Kleinegees and Tuerk be licensed as Candidates.

Adjourned to resume the Synodical business.

SIXTH SESSION.

Friday Afternoon.

Resolved, That the Licenses of the Candidates Hunsche, Dœpken, Abele, Wernle and Hengist be renewed.

Adjourned.

The foregoing are the Proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Ohio and adjoining States, substantially correct as transacted in the Convention, held at Columbus, 1848. It affords us pleasure to state that Brotherly love and harmony pervaded this body in all their deliberations. It is true the majority also prevailed; but the majority would not absolutely rule, but in meekness and love satisfy those of different opinions, so that all the most important resolutions were passed unanimously. We have truly experienced "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

F. C. BECKER,

Secretary of the Synod and Ministerium.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Friday Morning, 11 o'clock.

The meeting being organized, the President read the proceedings of the last meeting.

Resolved, That the present officers be re-elected: Pastor Leist, President, Pastor C. G. Schweizerbarth, Vice President, Prof. W. F. Lehmann, Secretary, and Mr. J. Leist, Treasurer.

In the same manner the present Directors were re-elected, except that J. Conly, Esq. was elected in place of Rev. Meese.

As Mr. J. Leist for reasons assigned declined serving as Treasurer, John Conly, Esq. was appointed in his place.

The contributions of the members of the Society, as also contributions of Congregations were now received, as follows:

Contributions of members: Messrs. J. Leist, Heincke, Gruber, Spielmann, Pope, Spangler, Lehmann, Adam, Schulze, Gast, Schladermundt, Reichert, Doner, Lang, Hordorf, Hursch, Henkel, Wagenhals, Mechling, Krausz, Albrecht, A. Conradi, Dœpken, Abele, Wernle, Fast, H. E. Melsheimer, Becker, Bierdemann, Stuebgen, Grætz, Tanke, Tuerk, E. Melsheimer, Greenwald, Sigelen, Kleinegees, Dœppenschmidt, J. D. Leist, J. Leist, L. Heyl, E. Gebhardt, M. Nigh, Chr. Gast, Kerschner, J. Schnepp, Wagner, H. Sutzin, J. Wingert, H. Lang, D. Maus, S.

Weiser, J. Lind, Werstler, A. S. Leist, C. Juckuch, J. J. Beilharz, J. Zimmermann, J. Conly, each $1 00,	$9 00
J. Hartschuh 50 cents, and R. Nuzum 50 cents	1 00
From Congregations: Pastor C. Albrecht's	8 00
" " J. Wagenhals'	15 00
" " J. Leist's	4 31
" Candidate Kleinegees'	1 95
" Pastor Grætz's	7 00
" " Adam's	3 30
" " Krausz's	2 00
" " E. Melsheimer's	3 00
" Candidate Sigelen's	5 00
" Pastor C. G. Reichert's	4 56
" " Minner's	3 00
" " G. Bartels'	1 50
" " Beilharz's	6 06
" " Lang's	12 55
" " J. Zimmermann's	10 00
" " Hordorf's	2 69
Total	$149 92

Adjourned until the next Convention of the Synod.

W. F. LEHMANN, *Secretary.*